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INTRODUCTION OF CHARACTER KEY BOARDS OF INDIAN LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is contemplating to introduce character keyboards of main Indian languages in computers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the efforts made by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the time by which the aforesaid character keyboards are likely to be introduced?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Department of Information Technology, in 1991, has already introduced character keyboards known a s INSCRIPT for Indian scripts covering main Indian languages: Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Bengali, Assamese and Oriya.

(c): INSCRIPT keyboard layouts were proposed by DIT, which have been published as standard in the document IS 13194:1991 byBureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

(d): INSCRIPT keyboard layout is already in use.